General Assembly

Substitute Senate Joint Resolution No. 43

January Session, 2009

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RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1   That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
2   Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
3   manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and
4   purposes, become a part thereof:

5   Section seven of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read
6   as follows:

7   The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the choice of
8   any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on at an
9   election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable] do not intend
10   to appear at the polling place on the day of election. [because of
11   absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because
12   of sickness, or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion
13   forbid secular activity.]

14   RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the
15   Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly
16   elected at the general election to be held on November 2, 2010, and
17   published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented
18   to the electors at the general election to be held on November 2, 2010,

19 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the
20 amendments to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed
21 amendment to be used on the voting machine ballot labels and
22 absentee ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the
23 State be amended to authorize the General Assembly to determine
24 who may vote by absentee ballot?"

GAE   *Joint Favorable Subst.*